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TAGS: PFOR EAID
SUBJ: POST-INDEPENDENCE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS

REF: A) STATE 091790, B) PORT MORESBY 0491

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHIEF MINISTER OF BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE (BSIP), PETER KENILOREA, WILL LEAD TEAM FROM HIS COUNTRY TO LONDON ON MAY 4 TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS ABOUT POSSIBLE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHICH UK MIGHT PROVIDE FOR BSIP AFTER LATTER GAINS INDEPENDENCE IN EARLY 1978. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACT COMPOSITION OF TEAM, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT OPPOSITION LEADER BARTHOLOMEW ULUFA'S ALU WILL ACCOMPANY CHIEF MINISTER AND MINFIN OFFICIALS TO MEETINGS9 FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON, TEAM IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO HONIARA VIA WASHINGTON, WHERE THEY WILL MEET WITH WORLD BANK OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH MIGHT
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PROVIDE FUTURE ASSISTANCE FOR SOLOMONS.

2. FOR LONDON: PLEASE CONFIRM DATES THAT TEAM WILL BE IN LONDON, AND TEAM'S PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON. ALSO, SEND ANY INSIGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT BRITISH PLANS TO PROVIDE POST-INDEPENDENCE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SOLOMONS.

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3. FOR DEPT: SUGGEST DEPT OFFICERS ARRANGE TO MEET
INFORMALLY WITH SOLOMON ISLANDERS AND PROVIDE FACILITATIVE
ASSISTANCE FOR THEM IF THEY DO IN FACT VISIT WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: WE INFORMALLY OFFERED TO ASSIST BSIP IN CLEANING
UP DAMAGE CAUSED BY EARTHQUAKEON APRIL 21 (REFTELS). BSIP
LEADERS AND BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN REPS IN HONIARA SAID THEY
APPRECIATED OUR OFFER BUT DID NOT NEED ASSISTANCE. DISCUSSIONS
ALL VERY CORDIAL, BUT MESSAGE WE GOT WAS THAT SOLOMONS ARE
COMMONWEALTH RESPONSIBILITY, AND AMERICAN ASSISTANCE NOT NEEDED,
AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. THUS, WOULD NOT EXPECT BSIP TEAM TO
REQUEST BILATERAL AID FROM USG DURING DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.
HOWEVER, CHIEF MINISTER, OPPOSITION LEADER AND GOVERNOR ALLAN
ALL ASKED PAO FRANK ALBERT LAST WEEK ABOUT POSSIBLE USG PLANS FOR
POST-INDEPENDENCE RESIDENT REPRESENTATION IN SOLOMONS. THUS,
IT IS LIKELY THAT SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED DURING DISCUSSIONS IN
WASHINGTON.
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